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The crusade against the little insects is being carried on from Maine to Mexico, and with gratifying results. Cities that heretofore have been cursed with swarms of mosquitoes every summer, which made life miserable, by the systematic use of oil and screens have so destroyed the insects' breeding places that now a mosquito is regarded as a curiosity. There is no reason why Houston should not attain like results if the crusade is only inaugurated and persevered in. So let us be up and doing.

The health department is here for the purpose of promoting the health of the city, and desired information about health matters will be cheerfully given. Telephone connection, both phones, No. 93.

The health of the city is at present remarkably good, and we believe that this is due to the measures already adopted. And now it is up to the individual citizens to do their part so as to keep the city in as good a condition as possible. The most important suggestion that we can make, in our opinion, is that the future efforts at sanitation be specially directed to the destruction of the mosquito. Signed by

Dr. J. W. SCOTT,
Dr. W. A. ARCHER,
Dr. S. J. SMITH,
Committee from Board of Health.
W. M. BRUMBY,
City Health Officer.

I hereby indorse the foregoing recommendations of the board of health and health officer.

A. L. JACKSON, *Mayor.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports arrival at Yoakum and San Antonio.

YOAKUM, TEX., July 6, 1904.

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Arrived here this afternoon to attend sanitary meeting to-morrow.
PURNELL.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., July 8, 1904.

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Reported here this morning.

PURNELL.

Leaves for San Diego.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., July 12, 1904.

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Leave for San Diego at nine.

PURNELL.

Summary of work at Laredo and New Laredo.

LAREDO, TEX., July 10, 1904.

During week ended July 9, fumigated, Laredo, 47 houses containing 126 rooms; inspected 7,699 premises, and oiled 2,428 water containers. Rainfall during week, 0.61 inch; maximum temperature, 100°. Oiled 285 ponds. New Laredo reports, for July 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2,113 domiciliary visits; 113 water containers emptied; 57 containers sanitized, and 49 ponds oiled.

Cock and outfit started on Rio Grande trip on 9th. McGregor has finished work on Texas-Mexican. Frick ordered return from Alice, 9th.

RICHARDSON.